

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

When a user commands execution of a computer program to commence, a loader program 2 is first started. This loader program 2 reads an encrypted version of the computer program 6 and decrypts it using a public key. This generates an executable version of the computer program 9 which is written directly to the computer memory 8. When the loader program 2 has decrypted the whole of the computer program 9 it starts execution of the computer program 9 it has written into the computer memory 8 and terminates itself or is terminated by the computer program it started. The computer program 9 written into the computer memory 8 will be written into its own memory space and will have its own execution thread. The encryption used may be public key/private key encryption.

[Figure 3]